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Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington DC 20590

Re: TIGER II grant application, St. Lawrence & Atlantic Rail Upgrade

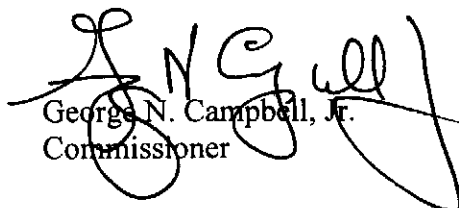
Dear Secretary LaHood,

It is my pleasure to submit the enclosed application for TIGER II funding for upgrading the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad in New Hampshire and Vermont. This project will provide funding to complete the replacement of obsolete rail and allow the railroad to achieve compliance with the 286,000 pound industry weight standard. This work has been on-going as funds have been made available, and this grant will complete the project. The result will be a railroad that can attract new industries to the economically depressed northern regions of Vermont and New Hampshire and western Maine. It will provide an excellent railroad connection for freight customers to the general railroad system, promoting the redevelopment of closed mill properties in the region. Our Department has worked closely with the railroad in administering other grants to begin this project, and we hope it can be completed with TIGER II funds.

Our request includes funding to complete the project in the State of Vermont, and is submitted with the full support of the Vermont Agency of Transportation. We look forward to working closely with VTrans to bring the benefits of this project to the entire region.

Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide on this application, and I look forward to your Department's review of our request.

Sincerely,


George N. Campbell, Jr.
Commissioner